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To: County and District Superintendents
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Subject: *Forthcoming 2001 Academic Performance Index (API) Data Review Report*
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In late August we will send you details about the *2001 Academic Performance Index (API) Data Review Report*. Every school with at least 11 STAR test scores in 2001 will have a data review report posted on the Internet in early September. Schools in the Alternative Schools Accountability Model (ASAM) will be included in this data review even though API reports will not be generated for them. The report is the first phase of review for upcoming API reporting and will provide you with the opportunity to review key STAR demographic data for the 2000-2001 API Growth Report to be released in October 2001 and the 2001 API Base Report to be released in January 2002.

The data review report will enable you to verify demographic data and the number of valid tests used in the calculation and reporting of the 2001 API. This first phase also provides you with two-year comparison data to assist you in determining if certain schools in your district may have experienced a significant population change such that API comparisons between 2000 and 2001 would be invalid. Data are from the 2000 and 2001 STAR answer documents, October 2000 CBEDS, and the unedited 2001 R-30 Language Census. Please note that data from California Standards Tests in language arts will be included in the 2001 API Base Report but will **not** be used in the 2000-2001 API Growth Report.

The Assessment Office of the California Department of Education (CDE) will notify you of the second phase of review which will cover:

- STAR enrollment on the first day of Stanford 9 testing,
- number of pupils required to have alternate assessments due to Individualized Education Program (IEP) exemptions, and
- number of pupils exempted per parent or guardian written request.

These data are used to determine participation rates for awards eligibility (95% elementary and middle schools, 90% high schools). Districts should carefully review their data on both the API and STAR web sites and notify CDE if corrections are necessary so that reported APIs are valid and so that eligibility for awards or interventions is not jeopardized.

Your responsibility is clearly delineated in the regulations. California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 5, Section 1032(d)(6) states that **you must notify the CDE and the test publisher within thirty calendar (30) days of the publication of the STAR testing and demographic data on the CDE web site that there are errors in the STAR testing or demographic data. All data corrections must be submitted to the test publisher by mid-October, 2001. This will be your only opportunity to correct these data.**

If you have questions, contact the Educational Planning and Information Center at <epic@cde.ca.gov> or by phone at (916) 657-2273.

cc: Accountability Coordinators